Governments including the experts, have been ascertained; and

(c) the main projects on which emphasis has been laid down in the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The exercise for the preparation of the Ninth Plan is presently underway in Planning Commission. The Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan approved by the National Development Council in its meeting held on 16.01.1997, prepared after extensive consultations with experts, Parliamentarians, State Governments and Voluntary Organisations etc, indicated the objectives and main thrusts on which emphasis is to be laid down in the Ninth Plan.

P.M.'e Action Plan on Child Labour

68. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made towards elimination of child labour engaged in hazardous jobs, industry and mines under the Action Plan announced by the then Prime Minister on August 15, 1995, so far, yearwise, indicating also the achievement made for education, training and rehabilitation of the child labour, emancipated under the Plan, and

(b) the effective steps being taken to achieve the objectives of total ban of child labour from such hazardous employment as contemplated under Article 24, of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) A major programme was announced by Government on 15th August, 1994 to rehabilitate child labour working in hazardous occupations. Under the project, an estimated 2 million children working in hazardous occupations were proposed to be withdrawn from work and rehabilitated by putting them in schools with provisions for non-formal education, vocational training supplementary nutrition, etc. So far 76 Child Labour Projects have been sanctioned for the rehabilitation of around 1.5 lakh children working in hazardous occupations. As per the available information, around 1.05 lakh children are already enrolled in the special schools set up under the projects.

While the Government was still considering extension of the programme to other districts, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgement 10.12.96 issued several directions regarding the manner in which the children working in hazardous occupations are to be withdrawn and rehabilitated as also the manner in which the working conditions of children working in non hazardous occupations are to be improved and regulated. A number of steps have been taken for the implementation of the judgement of Supreme Court.

Climate Satellite

69. SHRI L. RAMANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation has submitted a proposal for launching climate satellite; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government to save lives during natural calamities by advance prediction of cyclones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTLARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) No, Sir. However, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has constituted an Expert Group for defining a setellite for climate studies-CLIMATSAT Programme Definition Group—for working out the technical feasibility of designing and launching such a satellite. The Committee is presently working out the payload mix, orbit, satellite configuration, etc., for the proposed satellite in close collaboration with various Indian user Organisations such as, Indian Meteorological Department, National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting and Indian Institute of Science.

(b) Presently, the analysis of sequential cloud cover images provided by the Indian geostationary INSAT satellites, has been facilitating advanced waring on the onset of cyclones. The Disaster Warning System using additionally the communication capability of INSAT has been used to take advanced actions in relation to evacuation of people from coastal regions.

Model Villages

70 SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has prepared a special scheme for the development of model villages in the country.

(b) if so, the details and salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on the scheme is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir. HUDCO has proposed to develop one or two model villages (Adarsh Gram) and model bastis (Adarsh Bastis) in all States/UTs in the country.

(b) The Model Village/Model Basti Project will have a convergence approach and integrated development with provision of good housing with appropriate sustainable technologies based on local resources, use of non-conventional and renewable sources of energy and creation of social infrastructure and community facilities. The Model

Villages/Model Bastis will be identified through a consultative process in which the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), State Government as well as the implementing agency will be actively involved.

(c) HUDCO proposes to launch this scheme in August, 1997.

[Translation]

Unemployment in Bihar

71. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme is being evolved by the Union Government to check increasing unemployment in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) No special scheme is being evolved by the Union Government to check increasing unemployment in Bihar. However, the Government is implementing a number of self employment and wage employment programmes throughout the country, in which the State of Bihar is also included. Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment has one scheme for Self Employment i.e. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and two schemes for wage employment i.e. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) in rural areas. Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) is implemented in urban areas. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is implemented both in rural and urban areas.

[English]

Cardio Disease by Tobacco

72. DR. M. JAGANNATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in the country suffering from Cardio vascular diseases caused by tobacco;

(b) the concrete steps proposed to be taken to ban the smoking in public places and public conveyances; and

(c) the policy of the Government to phase out cultivation and manufacture of tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Information on the number of people suffering from cardio-vascular diseases caused by tobacco is not available. However, estimates has been derived indirectly by utilising the available information on attributable risk of Coronary Heart Diseases (CHD) due to tobacco, and number of prevalent cases of CHD cases in the country. Taking an estimate of 2-fold risk, the number of cases attributable to tobacco works out to about 13 lakh persons.

(b) Under administrative instructions, tobacco smoking is probibited in Hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, Conference Rooms, domestic air flights, air-conditioned Chair Cars and air-conditioned sleeper coaches in trains, sub-urban trains and air-conditioned buses under the control of Government of India. Further in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, smoking is prohibited in public places and public coveyances.

(c) The Central Tobacco Research Institute (ICAR) has identified a number of suitable alternate crops like Mustard, Saffalower, Sunflower, Soyabean, Groundnut, Ragi, Onion, Garlic and Sugarcane in the FCV Tobacco growing areas. Edd Efforts are being made to propogate the cultivation of these crops in the Tobacco growing areas.

[Translation]

Rehabilitation of Jhuggi-Jhopari Dwellers in Chandigarh

73. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of various jhuggi-jhopari clusters in 1996-97 in the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the amount spent thereon;

(b) whether the Government have any plans for the rehabilitation of these jhuggi-jhopari clusters during 1997-98;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether basic amenities have not been provided to such slum dwellers who have not been rehabilitated so far;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Agitation by Bidi Workers

74. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: